(vj The price paid for this package of equipment was sufficiently lower than new purchases;

(vi) By immediate purchase and possession of equipment the 3-D Acquisition work of OIL for the year 1994-95 can be completed, th) No Sir.

(c) OIL has no in house facilities for 3-D data processing, therefore, the work had to be contracted out.

rd) and (e) The limited international tenders were issued (o s'ix parties. Two parties responded as under:—

Name of Party	Quoted Rate per shot in equivalent Indian Rupees per shot
GECO Schlumberger, USA	759·00
CGG	752·00*

*Price negotiated down to Rs. 728-45 per shot.

Allotment of dealership for Petroleum Products from the discretionary quota

182. SHRIMATI CHANDRA K.ALA PANDEY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether dealerships/distributorships for petrol/diesel retail outlets, LPO and SKO/LDO are allotted under the discretio" nary powers of the Minister;

(b) if so, whether any limit has been fixed upto which such ; lotments can be made as percentage of total allotments in a year:

(c) what was the total number of dealerships allotted for petrol/die'el read outlets, LPG aid SKO/LDO dea'erships ing each of the last three years and number of allotments made under the discretionary powers; and

(d) whether any specific and unambiguous criteria has been laid down for allotment of dealerships under the discretionary quota?

THE MINISTER OE STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND N V TURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): fa) to (d) In addition to the tjority o the dealerships being awarded through the Oil Selection Boards, a few dealerships are also allotted under dis cretionary powers of the Government on compassionate grounds.

The number f discretionary allotments depends upon Ihe circumstances and the necessity to make such allotments. At present there is a ceiling of 155 dealerships in a financial year as fixed in i99l. The number of dealerships a'lotted undei discretionary quota during the last three years is indicated below:—

Year	RO	LPG	SKO/LDO	To l
1991-92	38	36	7	81
1992-93	19	64	30	113
1993-94	55	57	11	123

Difficulties' to private sector in Marketing of LPG

183. SHRI B. K. HAR1PRASAE Will the Minister of PETROLEUM ANJ NATURAL GAS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are aware i the fact that despite opening up LP[1] distribution to the private sector tw years ago, there has not been mac .ay or relief to consumers[1] on wai ing list:

e the difficulties beii facsd by private LPG distributors ai her con'inuevnee of Government subsidy to LPG consumers ,is > these: and

(c) whether it is also a fact that wh< nmental subsidy is withdrawn t tally, an LPG cylinder (from INDAN or HPCL) will cos(the cons-urn